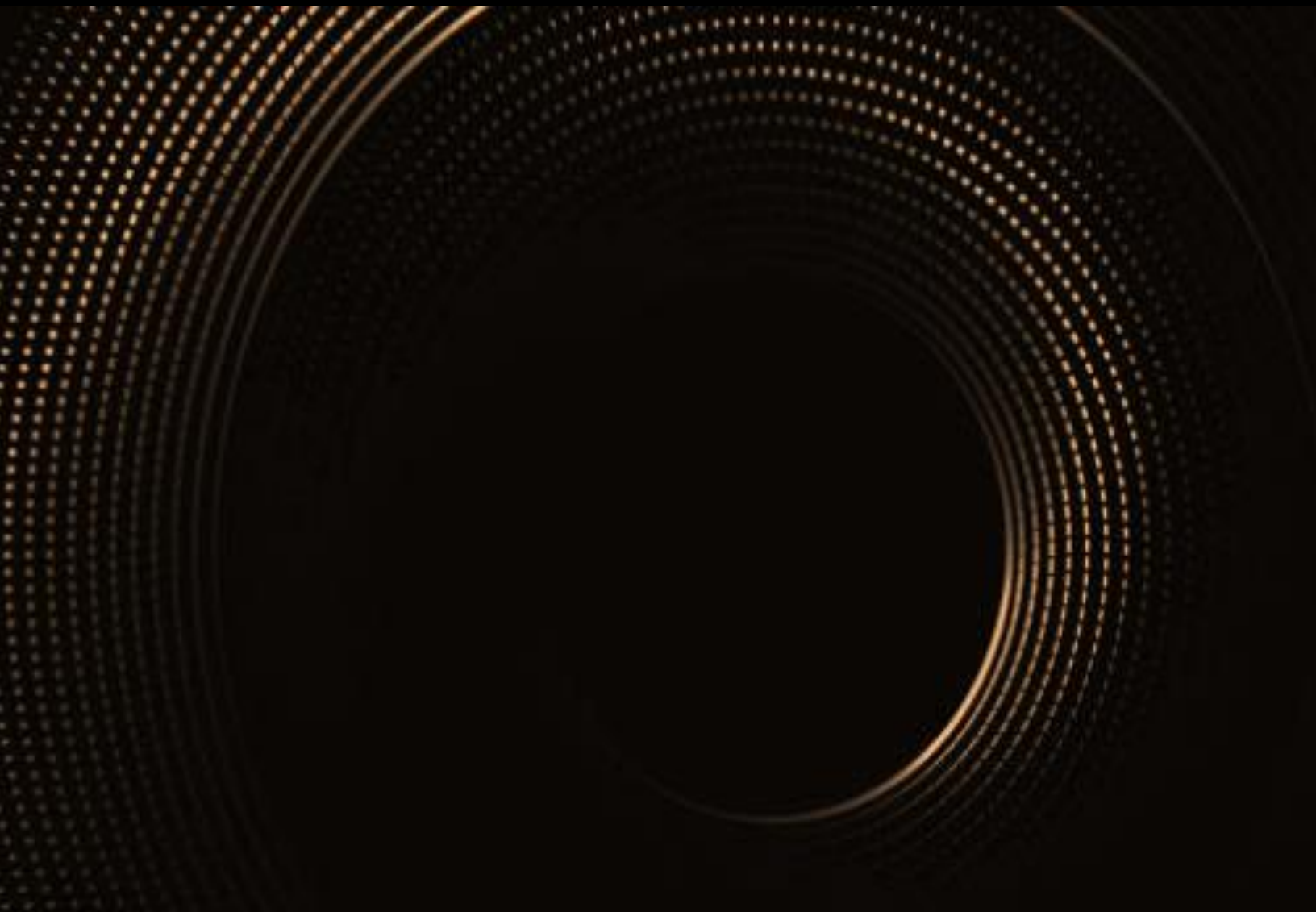


July 18

Acts 19:11-20

**“7 Sons of
Sceva”**



¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. ¹³ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. ¹⁴ And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

¹⁶ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸ And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. ¹⁹ Many of them also

which used curious arts
brought their books together,
and burned them before
all men: and they counted the
price of them, and found it fifty
thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰
So mightily grew the word of
God and prevailed.

Terms & Thoughts:

Wrought: worked,
performed, done; worked
into shape by artistry or
careful effort; elaborately
embellished, ornamented.

Adjure: to ask in a
demanding tone;
command solemnly.

Vagabond: a person
who wanders from
place to place without
a home or job; nomad,
wanderer, wayfarer,
gypsy.

Exorcist: a person
who expels or attempts

to expel an evil spirit.

Overcame: gained the
upper hand.

Prevailed: gained the
total victory.

The events described
in this passage
were “special miracles”
rather than everyday
occurrences.

They were extreme
signs of the presence
of the Holy Ghost.

The NAME Jesus is
not to be used as an
incantation (a series of
words said as a magic
spell or charm).

Doing so can have
disastrous consequences.
Though the name of

Jesus is powerful,
we see from
this account, it is not a
formula to be used by
everyone regardless to
motives and individual
spirit. Even those who
are skilled in “curious
arts” or various spiritual
practices should not
meddle with the power
and authority of
Messiah Jesus,

whose NAME is
“Wonderful”...
whose NAME is
“Prince of Peace”...
whose NAME
is “Emmanuel” etc.

Today, many experience
spiritual “nakedness”
from trying to control
God or from attempting
to use sorceries to
imitate the works of the

Holy Ghost. This
unclothed state of
being is often
manifested as ills
of various forms.

Many are “naked”
because they do not
operate in the Holy
Ghost and are,
therefore, exposed
to the very
evil forces they

try to
manipulate.

When the name of the
Lord Jesus is truly
magnified, people will
do as these new
Believers did. They will
openly confess their
wrongful actions.
They will also reject
and abandon their
sorceries, regardless
to the financial cost.

That is the result of the growth of **the word of God** (which obviously existed long before any Bible which many incorrectly label “the word of God”). A similar response to that of these is what happens when the word of God—God’s message and wisdom, really gets the victory in the lives of people.